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STAFF REVEALS 7 REASONS WHY

Have you bought a 1945 AKLAN? Have you invested in a novel and interesting book which will revitalize your high school days in the years ahead?

Remember! there are seven reasons why you should buy an AKLAN today! Count them:

1. So you can have a record of the year's events to keep and to remember later.
2. So you can see the pictures of yourself and your friends.
3. So you can have senior pictures for the seniors to autograph.
4. So you can enjoy the many candid shots.
5. So that you can read and see what goes on in all the important school activities.
6. So you can see the pictures of all the people who have contributed to school activities-The Student Council, The Boys' Federation and the Girls' League Officers, all the athletic teams, the C.S.F., the Acalhonors, the Aklan and Blueprint staffs, the Block A Society, the Drama and Modern Dance Groups, and all the other activities.
7. So that you can have with you permanently the numerous pictures of the school grounds and familiar school scenes.

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TRACK SEASON OPENS

BY TOM FLACK

Hot guns. Track season is here again! Coaches Eaton and Lord have a bunch of very promising young track men. Among those who will probably be outstanding in the "A" team are: Gene Aborouette, high jumper; Dick Carnes, sprinter or relay; Dick Kuster, shot-put; Wayne Lavalie, discuss; Bud Miller and Raoul Le Duc sprinters; Bill Rupp, hurdles; Jim Gibson, 440 relay and Harold Nelson, broad-jump.

The first track meet of the season will be held eighth period today on our home track.

On our "B" team we have Arnold and Donald Anderson the "Speed Twins," 320 or 440; Bob Field and Carter Squires, 320; Harold Hant, hurdles; Don Beck, pole vault; Dick Woodland, 440; and Bill Young, shot-put.

As a suggestion, from our point of view, we would also like to see Jim Gibson on hurdles because if his hurdling in seventh period is an example of what he can do, he is outstanding in the school.

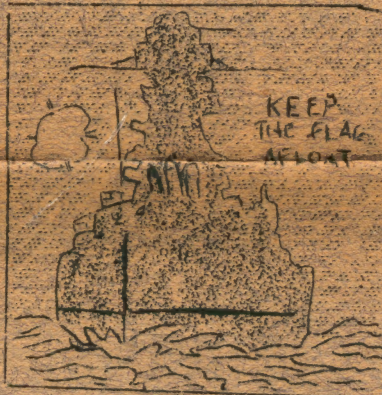
Also, baseball has started and in a future issue we will discuss it fully.

PERIOD SEVEN WINS INTER-CLASS GAMES

Three weeks ago, three noon basketball games were played.

The following participated: from Period 7: Paterson, Ingram, Young, Kauffman, and Freitas; from Period 6: Johnson, Smith, Chiavini, Huovinen, Rogers, Straub, and Costa; from Period 1: Michel, Soder, Bolender, Piona, and Feagans; from Period 2: Coleman, Goodrich, Kramm, Wilkins, and Jackson.

Period 7 beat periods 2 and 6, and period 2 beat period 1.

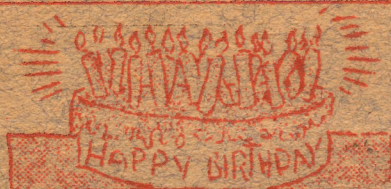


BUY
WAR STAMPS

ACALANES BASEBALL GAMES

April 5.	Berkeley Hi.	Here
April 12.	Pittsburg.	Here
April 17.	Mt. Diablo.	There
April 19.	Alhambra.	Here
April 26.	John Sweat.	Here

May 8.	Unscheduled	
May 10.	Pittsburg.	There
May 15.	Mt. Diablo.	Here
May 17.	Alhambra.	There
May 22.	John Sweat.	There



BETWEEN PERIODS

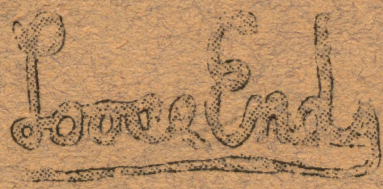


Special attention to the lucky ones who have their birthdays during the Easter Vacation:

- March 24 . . . Elwood Kronick
- March 25 Sarajejan Kittredge
- March 26 . . . Raymond povik
- March 27 . . . Sally Drewry
- March 27 . . . Arlene Hinkly
- March 28 . . . Ruth Hemstalk
- March 30 . . . Joan Campbell

Happy Birthday to:

- April 2 . . . Roger Sodaro
- April 2 . . . Lawrence Turner
- April 4 . . . George Kallas
- April 5 . . . Patti Wendt
- April 6 . . . Angelo Mangini
- April 7 . . . Clyde Klick
- April 10 . . . Allen Hoskins
- April 13 . . . Eunice Brewer
- April 15 Pat Lax
Cynthia Llewellyn
Marge Neller
- April 16 . . . Wayne Anthony
- April 19 . . . Bob Field
- April 20 . . . Janet Nicholson
- April 21 . . . Bill Bolster
Patt Bolster
- April 22 . . . Pat Ponten
- April 23 . . . Helen Koch
- April 25 . . . Myrtle Sparre
- April 25 . . . Lois Boivin
- April 26 . . . Doris Walters
Dorothy Starn
Carol Greub
Jack Benguerel
- April 27 Glenn Campbell
Alberta Smith
Betty Wales
- April 28 . . . Beverley Wadman
- April 30 . . . Edward Kratofie
Fred Bennett
Mary Aiman



Mary Ann trying to get to American I. on time.
Addy Auspland admiring his "smooth" car.
Dave Holmes trying to think of a unique way to get out of school.
Mrs. Walsh standing up in front to greet the late-comers.
Nancy Newbury trying to find her Algebra book.
Bev. Wadman minus Dave Comstock--now Bev. Wadman plus Bob Lawrence or Eric Phillips.

Mary Ann F., we all know women can't make up their minds, but aren't you carrying this a little too far????

One of Gil's Martz's gal friend's certainly had a wing-ding of a party a few weeks ago. Hope everyone enjoyed himself.

What's happened between Billy Y. and Barbara P.? We hope they get together again pretty soon!!!

How do you like driving a blue convertible Ford, Pete???

There's a certain senior girl around school who has the cutest cadet on the string. We wonder who he is, Ardelle S.????

Jo Ann V. V. and Joan C. are getting quite chummy lately. Could it be they are discussing their future lives????

Herb S. let the cat out of the bag the other noon time about why Sam M. was so thankful to Bobbie H. It seems it had something to do with some lights or something.

Barbara and Glenn have been seen around together lately. That red hair is attractive isn't it, Glenn?

Well, Jim, "Sy" is out of the "Doghouse" now. I'd watch it from now on if I were you kids!!

Maybe Dolores D. and Nancy C. have learned not to pass notes in Algebra!! What do you think Mr. Ortlieb?????

Is Edward D. still carrying the torch for Helen B.? We wonder???

Carol B. and Jim B. are still going strong. Keep it up kids!!!

Carol F. what happened to Sam G.? Or was it Jim H.???

Gene A. and Sally S. seem to think they look cute together. We all agree, don't we????

Donnie Mae M. and Herb S. are still going strong from the looks of things. Lets keep it up, kids. Looks cute.

Evelyn M's heart is still with Chet D. How about it Evelyn?



Oh-oh they heard about last Friday Note

Joanne S. has finally found where her heart belongs. That lucky Sam M!!!!

Whats this about Pat L. and Bob F. We wish we knew about it Pat. How about it?

Joan E. and Pete M. must have it really bad. Its been over a year now, hasn't it, kids?

Richie S's heart is at the Anna Head School with a girl named Shirley K. Huh, Richie?

As a beauty, I'm not a great star,
There are others more handsome by far,
But my face, I don't mind it
Because I'm behind it,
It's the folks in the front get the jar.

I'm a little nut
I fell out of a tree
A fat man stepped on me,
I'm cracked!!!!



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GOLD IN THE HILLS

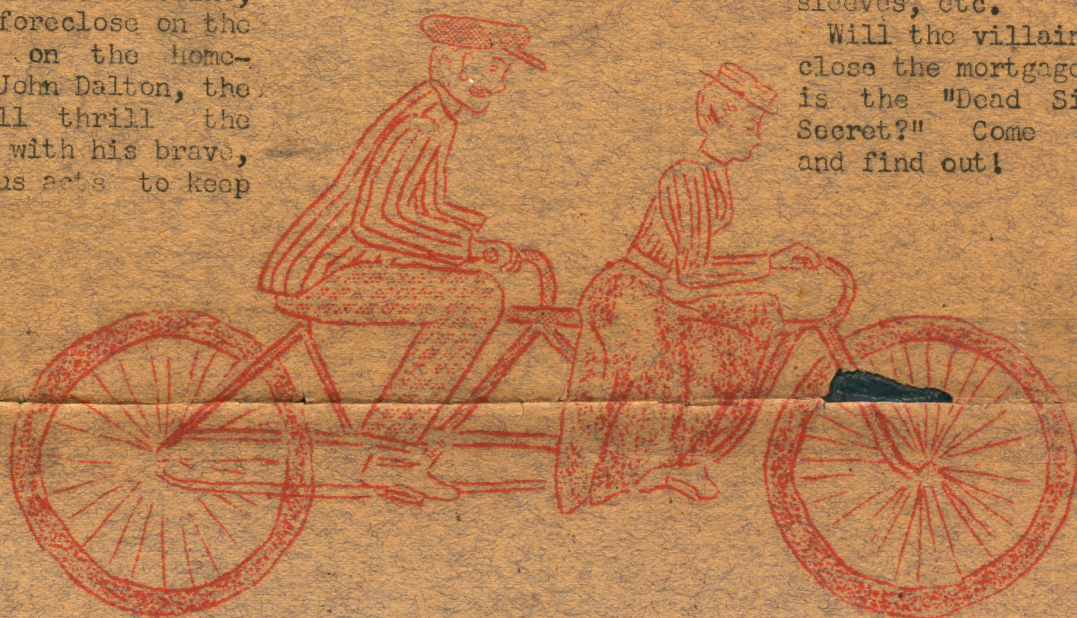
Tonight Acalanes will be transported back to the Gay 90's era in the Drama Club's production of "Gold in the Hills," also known as "The Dead Sister's Secret." This tender and mellow drama will honor the Senior class when it is given in the Acalanes gymnasium.

Bowery girls in costumes reminiscent of the two-seater bicycle days, will set the mood and bring the audience to its feet to hiss the villain in his sly attempts to deceive Nell Stanley, the heroine, and to foreclose on the mortgage on the homestead. John Dalton, the hero, will thrill the audience with his brave, courageous acts to keep

his beloved Nell safe from the villain. Nell, the pure example of young womanhood, exemplifies the theme of the melodrama, "virtue will win."

The first act is set in the old homestead and Big Mike's Dance Hall on the Bowery is the setting for the second act. The atmosphere of the 90's is carried out with wallpaper with red roses, red checkered tablecloths, and characters (we mean characters) with handlebar mustaches, leg of mutton sleeves, etc.

Will the villain foreclose the mortgage? What is the "Dead Sister's Secret?" Come tonight and find out!



CAST IS ANNOUNCED

The cast includes: Speaker of the Prologue, Randy Smith; Lizzie Jones, Cheron Williams; Barbara Stanley, Beverly Hedman; Hiram Stanley, Richard Chapman; Nell Stanley, Pat Bolster; John Dalton, Robert Soder; Richard Murgatroyd, Lloyd Cowan; Sam Slade, Eric Phillips; Constable Jenkins, James Jones; Derelict, Frank Hammond; Big Mike Slattery, Frank King; Old Kate, Joan Cluen; Slick Steve, Jack Ingram; Little Tommy, Barry La Rieu; Pianist, Ted Alpen; Mamie, Helen Frye; Maggie, Mary J. Jety; Pearl, Willowdean Christensen; Irene, Elizabeth Gloria; Bill the Dip, Bryce Joep; One Punch Dugan; Bill Young; Reginald Vanderlop; Sam Mason; Edith Vanderlop, Marge Uecker; James H. Glue, Richard Stanley; Sightseers, Carmelita Feliz, Virginia Odom; Waiters, Gilbert Baker, Micky Cook; Favorite Songstress, Betty Wales.

Members of the olio group are: Joyce Smith, Joan Eastman, Gloria Parent, Ruth Mortenson, Phyllis Ann Eddy, Ruth Miles, Louise Very, Barbara Parsons, and Marge Uecker.

PRODUCTION STAFF LISTED

The production staff includes: Stage technical director, Dave Buchanan; lighting, Don Wells; stage manager, Jack Benguerel and assistants; properties, Mavis Reid, Natalie Grout; business managers, Alan Beck, Herman Velasquez; house manager, Sandra Carson; publicity, Sandra Brown, Lloyd Cowan, Barbara Franke; Costumes, Janet Perryman, Venetta Skow; makeup, Vera Hylton, Vickie Kaiser, Bev. Swearingen; prompters, Dan Costa, Margaret McAninch; curtains, Dan Costa.

Members of the orchestra are: Maximo Kouns, Clifford Straube, Ed Nelson, Bev. Hazlett, Dan Cordell, Bryce Joep, Jim Shipp, Lenoy Micky, Bob Soder, Bill Tegg, Harold Kouns, Don Wells, Tom Gentry, Paul Goodwin, Katie Giammona, Claude Bolender, and Ted Alpen.

Direction is by Mr. Oscar Buch, music Mrs. Helen Williamson, costumes; Miss Millicent Hamburger, Ruth Mortenson, olios; Miss Vera Richardson, staging; Miss Betsy Pembroke, lighting; Mrs. Joan Phillips, makeup; Miss Marie Merkel, Dan Costa, Lloyd Cowan, the Drama Club.

STUDENTS ENTER
SPEAKING CONTEST

The James Monroe Orientation contest is now open to Junior and Senior High School students.

The contest, sponsored by the "Post Enquirer," will offer war bond prizes as follows:

Senior:

- First -- \$200
- Second -- 100
- Third -- 75
- Fourth -- 50

Junior:

- First -- \$100
- Second -- 75
- Third -- 50
- Fourth -- 25

All other winners will receive \$5 in war stamps

Here are the rules for the contest:

1. Must be original and delivered without reference to notes.
 2. Oration must not exceed six minutes.
 3. General subject: James Monroe and the Monroe Doctrine.
 4. Each school chooses its own representative.
 5. Names of individual winners must be forwarded to the "Post Enquirer" no later than March 19.
 6. The schools will be notified about the time of the city finals.
 7. Judges will be selected by the "Post Enquirer."
- Come on, Acalanes!
Let's try for those War Bond prizes!!

ENGLISH CLASS
HEARS SPEAKERS

On Wednesday, March 21, seniors in Miss Merkel's fourth period English class put up their books long enough to hear a talk on semantics by Mr. Ernest Baker. Semantics is the study of words, and their relation to the facts. Mr. Baker is President "Smitty's" uncle. The talk proved very interesting.

A'S HOLD LEAGUE
BASKETBALL CUP

For the first time in Acalanes' history, the Dons' A's are the holders of the Contra Costa County League Basketball cup.

We want to extend our sincere thanks to Coach Eaton and his team for bringing us this championship, and to Coach Ortlieb and his B team for their superb efforts.

The student body deserves credit for its fine support and good sportmanship, too. Let's continue it through the track, baseball and swimming season!

PARENTS CLUB
HOLDS MEETING

The Acalanes Parent's Club meeting was held Monday evening, March 19 in the school cafeteria.

After a short business session, Coaches Eaton and Ortlieb and Mr. White, gave short talks on the coming spring sports program and announced scheduled games.

A quartet, composed of Mr. O. J. Busch, George White, Merritt Wells and Don Condit rendered two very enjoyable vocal selections, accompanied by Mrs. Joyce French at the piano.

Dr. Brewer of the Calif. State Board of Health gave a very interesting and timely talk on "Communicable Diseases" and followed his talk with the showing of a pertinent film.

BUY AN
AKLAN
WITH THE MONEY THAT IS
BURNING A HOLE IN YOUR
POCKET!

STUDENTS ARE
ENTERTAINED

The student body was entertained on Friday, Mar. 16, with a "Talent Assembly" at which Marilyn Comstock played "Fantasy Impromptu" by Chopin, as a piano solo and Betty Wales sang "An Irish Lullaby". The girls' tumbling team showed its agility in performing and the finale of the assembly was Pvt. Bob Flanders' mystifying us with magic tricks.

We wonder if Mr. Walgren's watch still works??

Have you found any more surprises in your hat, Mr. White????

BOYS AND GIRLS
EXCHANGE PLAYS

The last Friday before vacation, the Girls' League was pleasantly surprised when a special group of students presented a melodrama. Randy Smith played the part of the playwright.

Some of the participants were; Beverly Wadman, Herb Sholin and Marge Batty. They all did a very good job in giving an enjoyable and amusing program.

Following this, the Girls' League put on a show for the Boys' Federation.

Master of ceremonies was Carmelita Feliz. The name of the skit was "A Day At School," and some of the scenes were; before school, at noontime, in the girls' modern dance class, at home before a dance, going home from the dance and a pajama party.

The highspot of the play was when Jo Ann Van Voorhies brought out a carton of cigarettes!!!



COUPLES
AROUND
SCHOOL

Joanne S.	Bill Siler
Dolly H.	Gene H.
Bev W.	Dave C.
Sam M.	Joanne S.
Frank K.	Anne M.
Anne D.	Dave P.
Barbara H.	Dave H.
Barbara V. V.	Jerry D.
Joan C.	Bob C. Howe
Bill B.	Carol B.
Maurice S.	Mary Ann F.
Rich S.	Anna Heads
Wayne L. V.	Sally D.
Bev H.	Harold H.
Don F.	Ruthie L.
Dick W.	Georgie L. E.
Pat F.	Carol B.
Barbara P.	Bill Y.
Herb S.	Donnie M. M.
Marilyn C.	Jim S.
Lois H.	Jim N.
Joan E.	Pete M.
Margaret S.	Jim J.
Darlene B.	Bob Soder
Evelyn M.	Chet D.
Glenn F.	Barbara T.
Lloyd C.	Marge B.

With spring in the air, these couples are subject to change with or without notice—!

STOLEN STUFF

The following were stolen from the Oakland Tribune.

Humorist: One who originates old jokes.

Autocrat: One who suffers from a cigaret cough.

New York: The city of brotherly shove.

Quack: A man who invents a cure for which there is no disease.

Archaic: Part of the famous proverb, "We can't have archaic and eat it too."

THE KID'S FIRST FORMAL!

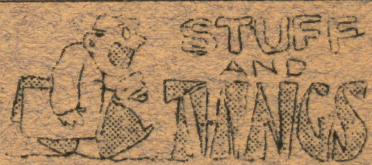
Formal! Oh, Brother, was he going to knock them dead tonight. A tux and the sweetest little girl in the whole of California or even America maybe. Walking down the stairs he felt pretty proud; his parents would probably be shocked when they found it was really their son and not some old man of 20 or 25.

As the Kid entered the living-room, his father whistled and shouted, "Get a load of our baby. He has finally grown up to his ears."

Insulted, the Kid ignored the remark and left the house. Two blocks down, one over and three blocks back and there he would be at Dolores' house.



house on the corner. He ran up the steps and then he had a horrible thought. He had forgotten the gardenias. Three blocks back, one block over and two blocks down. Good, his family had left for the show. Ah! there it was on the hall table. Out the door again, two blocks down, one block over, and three blocks back. The white house gleamed in the moonlight. Up the steps he went.



STUFF AND THINGS

It's a good thing Anne Mitchell (former inmate) gets home every weekend. Wonder who Frank K. would take out if she didn't. Let's not worry, tho', Oakland isn't so far.

What's the matter with Bill H. this year? You know, Bill, there are plenty of girls who wouldn't mind having that sense of humor around.

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could see her now; he hoped she had on that peachy color called char-treuse or something like that.

Br-r-r-r-ring went the chimies in the hall. Then the Kid saw his reflection in the window. He didn't have a tie on. Three blocks back, one block over, two blocks down. He went upstairs and wrestled with his tie. Excelsior! It went into place. Two clocks down one block over, and three clocks back. Now he was positive he should have a car; this kind of business could stunt a person's life. Warily the Kid trudged up the steps. The house did not look so white this time.

Br-r-r-r-ring went the chimies. Footsteps sounded in the hall. The door was flung open and there stood Dolores' mother.

"Why hello! Dolores did not think you were coming so she went with Don and Jimmy. After all you are an hour late!"

"Thanks," said the Kid, and went down the street.

The lonely care-worn figure could be seen walking three blocks back, one block over, and two blocks down.

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STRANGE FACTS

After being searched for hours, a recently captured spy was found to be carrying a secret message, written minutely on transparent paper with invisible ink and pasted on his eyeglasses.

Testimony of 20,000 persons asked to describe the man they saw commit a crime revealed that, on the average, they over-estimated the height by five inches, the age by eight years, and gave the wrong color hair in 83% of the cases.

Bridge table arguments have caused an average of five murders, and about five hundred divorces in this country for years.

The Manu moral code which governs the life of 250,000,000 Hindus condones lying only when saving a life and when paying a compliment to a woman.

Many of the Orthodox Brahmins of India are so fearful of pollution by animal flesh that they take a purifying bath even after receiving a letter from a meat eating country.

In the British Isles every city and town is within seventy-five miles of the sea and houses in the farthest inland places have been drenched with salt spray during gales.

CRUISE OF THE BANTAM

Cruising through Harlem, two "cops" overtook a Bantam coupe whose weaving movements revealed that the driver was unfit to handle a car. The man was told he would have to ride in the police car to the station-house with one of the "cops", while the other "cop" drove the Bantam. After a few blocks in the Bantam, the "cop", unable to see much through the miniature windshield, headed down a one way street the wrong way. Nothing unusual would have happened—there wasn't much traffic—if the offi-

EDITORIALS



GIVE ME LIBERTY

On March 23, 1775, Patrick Henry made his famous statement, "Give me Liberty or give me Death." Patrick Henry was a true patriot; his love for liberty will be remembered long. Aren't you fond of your liberty? If you are, won't you lend a little of your money to keep it? Patrick Henry would have given his life for liberty, just as many American boys are doing now. Won't you buy a stamp in memory of him and other great patriots who made America a democracy?

BRAINS, HUH?

A noticeably weary worker in a welder's helmet entered a crowded subway car in Philadelphia and with considerable agility, managed to get himself a seat. Then he placed an alarm clock between his knees and immediately went to sleep. Ten minutes later the occupants of the car jumped as the alarm went off. Without a glance at his laughing and admiring fellow travelers, the welder turned off the alarm, stood up, stretched, glanced through the window—yes, it was his station—and got off.



Spring fever has hit Acalanes—AND HIT HARD.

The showers of California sunshine have only added to the warm, fragrant atmosphere. The smell of moist earth, the sound of water dripping from the roof—all the beautiful sounds of a California spring—have affected the students greatly.

Pat Freitas' harem has increased day by day; this season seems to act to recharge his magnetism to the other sex. The main hall's popularity and population before school and at noon has increased. This and the many other new romances at Acalanes may be attributed to Spring's intoxicating effects.

cer hadn't stopped halfway down the block in the midst of a bunch of large, tough-looking boys. They surrounded the car silently, picked it up, turned it around in mid-air, gently set it down, pushed it off in the right direction, patting the fenders in a kindly, compassionate way.